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1. Communist forces in North Korea have built many beach defenses along the south bank of the Taedong River about 20 kilometers from its estuary; one major defense has been constructed near Sŏhaeri (125-07, 38-39) (XC-8480).
2. Sŏhaeri is a small village on a spit projecting from the south bank of the Taedong River, near its mouth. Obstructions made from logs and steel-waste bound together have been placed in the sea about 30 meters from shore. Trenches have been built on a high place about 300 meters above sea level. These positions have been prepared by digging pits about 2 meters deep for the artillery pieces, and positions are camouflaged with trees and vines on top. Behind these positions about one battalion of troops have been stationed.
3. These beach defenses are controlled from an observation post at Sŏhaeri. This observation post is a windmill-shaped, high, wooden platform on high ground about 3 kilometers north of the sea. The platform is about 8 meters high and 9 meters square. Observers are stationed there at all times to watch United Nations' movements along the coast. An air-raid shelter, 4 meters wide and 3 meters deep has been built under this observation post, and a radio receiver and transmitter have been installed within it.

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